

## ENGLISH CAPITAL.

Mr E. W. Thomas, of New York city is making a trip through the west and Northwest, and this is his business. He is acting as an agent for a wealthy syndicate of English capitalists which is composed of the Lubbocks, the Barings and other bankers and capitalists of England; and he is negotiating them for all the bonds and mortgages in the state of Kansas which can be certified to as sound and are not listed. He stated that:

The plan of the syndicate was similar to that of the English brewery syndicate, although on a much larger scale. I have just returned from a trip to England and have my plans nearly all complete. The syndicate I represent will invest \$8,000,000 the first year and each succeeding year from \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000 additional. Nothing but the best will be taken. We will purchase all classes of bonds and farm mortgages that are not listed. In order to insure the mortgages to the English syndicate, all that are purchased must be certified to by a New York board of auditors before they are taken across and put on the English market. I made a trip last spring through the western states offering the best opportunities for the purchase of the class of bonds the syndicate desires to deal in, and I am making this trip merely to complete arrangements. Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Washington and Minnesota have a large amount of bonds we want, and from here I go to Denver and from there to Omaha and Minneapolis.

There is but one other syndicate similar to ours and that is the London Trust company, limited. For some time the attention of English capitalists has been drawn to western states and particularly Kansas, and the syndicate I represent is the organization which grew out of a careful investigation of the bonds and mortgages of the different western states.

The above was taken from the Kansas City Times, and though it is the most alarming and terrible news which could possibly be conveyed to the farmers of that grand state, the paper publishing it takes it as a matter of news of some interest, but none of a character to call them to action to save themselves from England's clutch—not so the plucky "Kansas Workman." It comments on this information in the following manner, which is handling the facts without gloves, as they should be handled. Speaking to farmers it says:

For years we have been telling you that you were supporting a system that would impoverish you and pass your lands into the hands of English syndicates. You got mad and kicked us because we told you the solemn truth.

But now you are impoverished; your lands are mortgaged, and beyond the power of redemption. English syndicates have their clutch on your homes, upon your lands, and you are even now paying tribute to English lords. They will use your law to make your property theirs. They will use your machinery to transfer your homes to themselves and you have not the courage, the intelligence and blood to take away this ma-

chinery that you may retain your homes for your wives and children, and these American institutions baptised in the blood of your fathers, sons and brothers, from the clutch of English despots.

You must go lower down, until the serfs on both sides of the broad ocean are placed on a level and pay tribute to the same despots; until there shall be no America on this side of the water; until the glorious history of your fathers shall be blotted out and the Goddess of Liberty abdicates her throne. And why? Because you are not men, but partizan hirelings.—*Chicago Express.*

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